details had not been furnished. The State Government has been asked to surrender Rs. 8.00 lakhs remained un-utilised with the State Government out of the funds released under Coaching and Allied Scheme during previous years.

Minorities Developmnet Finance Corporaiton

1925. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning a Minorities Development Finance Corporation with a corpus of Rs. 500 crores;

(b) whether it will be open only to religious minorities or to linguistic, ethnic and other minorities also;

(c) whether among religious minorities it will be open to Sikhs, Christians, Parsis etc. also, or only to Muslims;

(d) whether Government regards Qadianis as Muslims;

(e) what will be the special terms and conditions of this Corporation; and

(f) whether this will not amount to special treatment of some citizens and of one particular Bank in violation of the equal rights and equal obligations provisions of the Constitution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU): (a) Government has already set up on 30th September, 94 a National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC) with an authorised share capital of Rs. 500 crores.

(b) According to Articles of Association of the NMDFC, minorities mean those communities that are notified as such by the Central Government under the National Minorities Commission Act, 1992 or, in the context of States/UTs those communities that are notified as such by the respective State Governments/ UT Administrations.

(c) At the Central level, the benefits extend to 5 religious minorities, viz. Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Parsis and Budhists.

(d) Since no such problem has came up so far in the implementation of the scheme of NMDFC, it has not been necessary to form a view in this regard.

(e) The NMDFC will provide financial assistance to the members of minorities living below double the poverty line for establishing self-employment ventures at concessional rate of interest. At present the following terms and conditions are applicable:—

(i) The rate of interest chargeable on Term loan is 7 percent—9 percent and for Margin Money loan 2 percent p.a to the ultimate beneficiary.

(ii) The maximum limit for NMDFC loan component is Rs. 85,000 per beneficiary for term loan, and maximum Rs. 25.000 for Margin Money loan.

(f) The NMDFC is a Company incorporated under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 and is not a bank. The Corporation will provide loans and advances ony to the backward sections amongst the minorities. The Corporation has been set up keeping in view the provisions of the Constitution.

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1926. श्री गुंडप्पा कोरवार :
श्री अजीत जोगी :
श्री मूलचन्द मीणा :

क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति समुदाय के व्यक्तियों पर वर्ष